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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 14 July 1969

Godfrey reported that they have nothing official to support press reports that the ChiComs have agreed to reopen their talks with the Soviets on the Far Eastern frontier dispute.

Godfrey called attention to the Salvadoran/Honduran border clash, and in response to the Director's question, he briefed on the genesis of this dispute, which grew out of a soccer match between nationals of the two countries.

D/ONE briefed on the agenda items for next Thursday's USIB meeting: NIE 42-69, The Outlook in South Korea; SNIE 14.3-69, Capabilities of the Vietnamese Communists for Fighting in South Vietnam; NIE 11-9-69, Current Soviet Attitudes Toward the US; and NIE 60/70-1-69, Black Africa's Prospects for Modernization (the latter two for telephonic concurrence). In response to the Director's question he explained that NIE 11-9-69 grew out of a CINCPAC request and explained why CINCPAC may not find this Estimate too satisfactory.

Carver noted that his usual Monday meeting with Secretary Laird has been postponed until Thursday.

Carver briefed on considerations related to a recent cable from General Abrams on the infiltration question.

Maury reported that Senator Jackson is back in the city and has requested a rather wide-ranging briefing to cover major questions. After some discussion on who will participate in the briefing, the DD/I asked that Maury consult him on the matter before final arrangements are made.

In response to the Director's question Maury and Houston acknowledged that the Director is now scheduled to testify on the Ervin

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bill on 22 July. General Cushman noted that he did get in touch with his contact in the Executive Branch on this matter, and the Director asked Maury to pursue his efforts to reach Bryce Harlow and to report back to him.

Bross noted receipt and distribution of the Froehlke report on the reorganization of the DOD intelligence community. The Director asked Bross to see that all interested Executive Committee members received a copy of the Froehlke report and requested each to provide Bross with appropriate comment in the near future.

X1 [] for DD/S&T called attention to the Soviet lunar probe, and the Director asked what space booster was used. (Today's CIB reports that it was the SL-12.)

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ADD/P briefed on the concern of Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Joseph Palmer regarding the projected visit by a South African official.

DDCI noted that he will be departing for the Apollo shot and a [] returning the evening of 17 July.

X1 The Director led a discussion in order to determine our best course of action in responding to the third draft of the President's directive on the reduction of personnel abroad, which was received just prior to the Morning Meeting.

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Goodwin noted that a piece by Carl Rowan on "The Intelligence Community" is scheduled to appear in Reader's Digest. He noted that some press attention may precede its appearance.

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